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SUBJ: GDR TO APPLY FOR IAEA MEMBERSHIP IN JUNE

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1. GDR LIAISON REP HERTEL HAS TOLD IAEA OFFICIALS GDR WILL SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR IAEA MEMBERSHIP IN TIME FOR ITS CONSIDERATION BY IAEA BOARD MEETING JUNE 12. (AGENCY SOMETIME AGO INCLUDED " APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP" ON JUNE BOARD AGENDA, WITH ANNOTATION " IT IS TO BE FORSEEN THAT AN APPLICATION MAY REQUIRE THE BOARD' S ATTENTION.") BOARD CAN BE EXPECTED FAVORABLY RECOMMEND APPLICATION TO GENERAL CONFERENCE, WHICH IN TURN EXPECTED APPROVE APPLICATION ON ITS OPENING DAY, SEPT 18.

2. HERTEL ASKED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF GDR BECOMING MEMBER THIS YEAR AND WAS TOLD IT WOULD BE LIABLE FOR FULL YEAR' S DUES, AT BASE RATE WHICH WILL BE FIXED FOR IT BY UN CONTRIBUTIONS
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COMMITTEE ADJUSTED FOR DIFFERENCES IN UN/ IAEA MEMBERSHIP, REGARDLESS OF WHEN IN YEAR IT JOINED. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WOULD BE AROUND \$300,000. HERTEL THEN CONFIRMED THAT GDR WISHES TO JOIN THIS YEAR AND IN FACT WANTED TAKE SEAT AT SEPT GENERAL CONFERENCE. SECRETARIAT EXPLAINED PROCEDURE USED BY BANGLADESH LAST YEAR: BANGLADESH HAD ITS INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF IAEA STATUTE WAITING IN WASHINGTON, AND AS SOON AS DEPT NOTIFIED BY USDEL THAT GC HAD APPROVED APPLICATION, DEPT NOTIFIED BANGLADESH OFFICIALS WHO PROMPTLY DEPOSITED INSTRUMENT. DEPT THEN INSTRUCTED USDEL TO NOTIFY IAEA SO THAT BANGLADESH COULD TAKE ITS SEAT.

3. AFTER DIGESTING THIS INFO HERTEL ASKED SECRETARIAT TO SOUND OUT US AUTHORITIES ON THEIR WILLINGNESS CO- OPERATE IN SIMILAR PROCEDURE FOR GDR. HE DID NOT INDICATE HOW HE THOUGHT GDR MIGHT GET ITS INSTRUMENT PHYSICALLY TO WASHINGTON. SECRETARIAT (FISCHER) PASSED REQUEST ON TO US ORALLY AND INFORMALLY AND WE PROPOSE REPLY IN SAME WAY.

4. UK, FRG, AND FRENCH REPS INFORMED OF FOREGOING AND SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS ON DEALING WITH GDR APPLICATION AT JUNE BOARD. (ALL THREE ARE BOARD MEMBERS.) NO ONE ANTICIPATES THAT THERE WILL BE VOTE; AS USUAL, BOARD DECISION WILL BE BY CONSENSUS STATED BY CHAIRMAN. QUESTION IS ONLY WHETHER ANY STATEMENT TO BE MADE FOR THE RECORD AND IF SO OF WHAT NATURE. WE WILL REPORT THREE- POWER POSITIONS WHEN KNOWN.

5. INTERESTINGLY, SOVIET AMB, WHOM WE SAW SHORTLY BEFORE HERTEL CALLED AT AGENCY, WAS UNSURE OF GDR PLANS. SOVIETS APPEAR TO VIEW BOARD AND GENERAL CONF APPROVAL OF GDR APPLICATION AS ROUTINE AND PRO- FORMA. WE EXPECT THEY WILL MAKE LOW- KEY STATEMENT IN JUNE CONGRATULATING BOARD ON FINALLY SEEING THE LIGHT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT' S INSTRUCTIONS ON (A) POSITION FOR JUNE BOARD, AND (B) REPLY TO AGENCY AS TO OUR WILLINGNESS OR UNWILLINGNESS RECEIVE AND FACILITATE DEPOSIT OF GDR ACCEPTANCE OF IAEA STATUTE. PORTER

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